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FROM: LIMITED DISSEM EUR/NG INFO CIC/EUR, EUR/NGUK, EUR/LGL, EUR/COPS

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED DECLASSIFICATION OF BSS DOCUMENT FOR RELEASE TO *<JFK>BOARD

REF: NONE

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: PLEASE PASS PARAS 3-4 MESSAGE TO BSS AND ADVISE WHETHER THERE ARE SERIOUS OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF BSS DOCUMENT (BEING FAXED SEPARATELY).

2. HQS IS FAXING (OR E-MAILING, IF POSSIBLE) DOCUMENTS FOR STATION AND BSS REVIEW.

* 3. THE DO<JFK>REVIEW TEAM ADVISED EUR/NG THAT A 1963 BRITISH SECURITY SERVICE DOCUMENT, WHICH HAD BEEN ATTACHED TO A CIA DOCUMENT, IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED AT THE END OF THIS WEEK (31 *JULY) TO THE<JFK ASSASSINATION>REVIEW BOARD. THIS DOCUMENT (CSCI-3/778,353) DESCRIBES A MARCH 1963 INTERVIEW BY BSS IN HALIFAX OF LILLIAN SLOBODA, WIFE OF VLADIMIR O. SLOBODA, WHO WAS A DEFECTOR TO THE USSR. THE BOARD IS INTERESTED IN DOCUMENTS IN CIA POSSESSION PERTAINING TO DEFECTORS TO THE SOVIET UNION AROUND THE *TIME OF OSWALD AND THE<JFK ASSASSINATION.> EVEN THOUGH CIA OBTAINED THE DOCUMENT FROM A FOREIGN FRIENDLY SERVICE, IT WOULD THUS BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO DENY RELEASE OF THE DOCUMENT IN FULL.

4. WITHIN THAT CONTEXT, EUR/NG REVIEWED THE DOCUMENT AND PROPOSES REDACTION OF ALL REFERENCES TO BSS, CIA AND FBI (LEGATT LONDON RECEIVED A COPY OF THE INTERVIEW RESULTS IN 1963). THE PASSAGES WE WANT TO REDACT ARE HIGHLIGHTED ON THE FAXED COPIES WITH BRACKETS. WE CERTAINLY WILL FORWARD TO THE DO REVIEW TEAM ANY ADDITIONAL DELETIONS REQUESTED BY STATION AND/OR BSS. ABSENT THESE FEW PASSAGES ABOUT US/UK INTELLIGENCE, THE DOCUMENT DOES NOT APPEAR TO AFFECT CURRENT CIA EQUITIES; ON ITS FACE, IT ALSO DOES NOT APPEAR DAMAGING TO UK INTERESTS. ALTHOUGH WE ARE EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT THE DECLASSIFICATION OF INFORMATION GIVEN TO US BY

FOREIGN SERVICES, RELEASE OF A SANITIZED VERSION OF THIS DOCUMENT WOULD NOT PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGE OUR LIAISON RELATIONSHIP OR COMPROMISE SENSITIVE SOURCES/METHODS.

5. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, WOULD APPRECIATE A RESPONSE BY HQS COB THURSDAY, 30 JULY, SO WE HAVE FRIDAY FOR DISCUSSIONS IF BSS HAS SERIOUS OBJECTIONS TO RELEASING THIS DOCUMENT IN EVEN A SANITIZED FORMAT.

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